

December 20, 2002

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I, along with my colleagues, Gene Dejordy and Jim Blundell, made a presentation on December 18th to Commissioner Thomas Dunleavy of the New York Public Service Commission. We addressed the issues raised in the *Referral Order* regarding competitive universal service in the docket referred to above, FCC 02-307 (released Nov. 8, 2002) and the questions to be raised by the Joint Board in a forthcoming notice in the same proceeding. We distributed the attached document.

This submission supersedes the one made to you on December 19th regarding this meeting. If you have any questions, then please feel free to call me at 202-654-5903.

Respectfully submitted,

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Affairs
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Attachment